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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MATERIAL ON US-CANADA OIL SPILL
PLAN

REF; MEXICO'S 6501

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL DEPARTMENT POUCHING COPIES OF
US-CANADIAN AGREEMENT OF 1974 ON CONTINGENCY PLANS
FOR SPILLS OF OIL AND OTHER NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES AND JOINT
CANADA-US MARINE POLLUTION CONTINGENCY PLAN. LATTER
RELATES TO THREE SPECIFIC AREAS, GREAT LAKES, ATLANTIC,
AND PACIFIC CONTIGUOUS TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

2. SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO REVIEW ABOVE DOC-
UMENTATION WITH IDEA THAT WHILE CERTAIN ELEMENTS MIGHT
BE APPLICABLE TO MEXICAN-US COOPERATION PERHAPS MORE SIMPLE
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OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURES MIGHT INITIALLY BE SUGGESTED.

THESE COULD INCLUDE EARLIEST POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION OF OIL SPILL WITH AS MUCH DETAIL CONCERNING NATURE, SCOPE, AND LOCATION, AS WELL AS INITIAL COUNTERACTIVE MEASURES. EMBASSY OF COURSE IN BEST POSITION TO JUDGE NATIONAL CAPABILITIES, HOW TO DEAL WITH JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS, AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF MEXICAN-US COOPERATION WHICH WOULD VARY FROM THOSE WITH CANADA.

3. US COAST GUARD HAS HAD INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ON THIS SUBJECT. IF SO DESIRED, USCG WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS IN DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT CONTINGENCY PLAN.

4. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS SUBJECT IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS. KISSINGER

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